Claims:
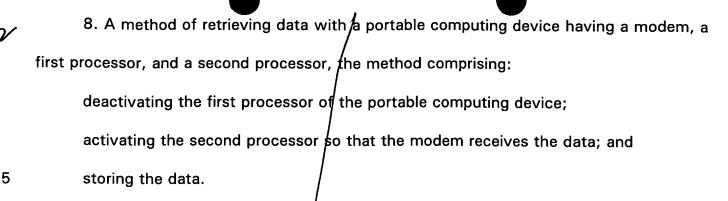
1. A portable computing system comprising:

a modem adapted to receive a communication;

a processor coupled to the modem; and

5   a non-volatile memory device coupled to the modem and the processor, wherein the

modem is adapted to store at least a portion of the communication in the non-volatile

memory when the processor is inactive.

2. The portable computing system of claim 1, further comprising a hard drive

10   coupled to the processor.

3. The portable computing system of claim 1, further comprising a modem

processor, wherein the modem processor is adapted to operate independently of the

processor.

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4. The portable computing system of claim 3, wherein the modem processor is

adapted to store at least a portion of the communication in the non-volatile memory when

the processor is powered off.

20   5. The portable computing system of claim 1, wherein the modem is adapted to

transmit a transmitted message when the processor is inactive.

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6. The portable computing system of claim 5, wherein the non-volatile memory is adapted to store the transmitted message.

7. The portable computing system of claim 1, wherein the non-volatile memory is

5   adapted to store user profile information indicative of what communications are to be

stored in the non-volatile memory.

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8. A method of retrieving data with a portable computing device having a modem, a

first processor, and a second processor, the method comprising:

deactivating the first processor of the portable computing device;

activating the second processor so that the modem receives the data; and

5   storing the data.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein deactivating the first processor includes

disabling a power supply so that the first processor consumes substantially no power.

10   10. The method of claim 8, wherein storing the data includes storing the data in a

non-volatile memory.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein storing the data includes transferring the data

from the modem to a flash memory array with the second processor.

15   12. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

activating the first processor; and

accessing the data with the first processor.

20   13. The method of claim 8, further comprising initializing the second processor to

identify the data to be stored.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein initializing the second processor includes

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storing user profile data.

15. The method of claim 8, further comprising initializing the modem with the first

processor to identify the data to be stored.

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16. The method of claim 15, wherein initializing the modem includes storing user

profile data in a non-volatile memory device with the first processor.

17. The method of claim 8, wherein activating the second processor includes

10   enabling the modem to receive a wireless communication comprising at least a portion of

the data to be stored.

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18. A method of storing data in a portable computing device comprising:

programming a modem to receive data with the modem while a main processor of

the portable computing device is disabled.

5   19. The method of claim 18, further comprising storing the data in a non-volatile

memory device.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein receiving data with the modem includes

. receiving a wireless communication.

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